A.—(*a*) to (*k*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

(*l*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 1 (4) of Board's Standing Order No. 1.

A report has been called for in regard to the latter portion of the question.

Levy of first-crop rate on second crop.

* 653 *Q.*—Mr. K. Kesavaramamurti Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in cases where first crop was grown and lost and consequently remission was granted and second crop is raised on the land, the Government have treated the second crop as first crop and the full rate of Rs. 10–8–0 is charged thereon; and

(*b*) if so, why?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question does not indicate to what area it refers. It may refer to the Polavaram Island of East Godavari district. Information is being obtained as to the practice prevailing there.

Net income of the ryot on first crop raised under the Polavaram Island Project.

* 654 *Q.*—Mr. K. Kesavaramamuri Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in cases where the full water-rate of Rs. 10–8–0 is charged on the first crop, the net income which the ryot gets after meeting the cultivation expenses, for different classes of lands—the best, middling and the poorest?

A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to the Polavaram Island Project. The Government have not the information.

Local Self-Government

Alleged irregularity in the maintenance of the Minutes Book of the District Board, Salem.

* 655 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from some of the Members of the Salem District Board in the matter of pasting type-written sheets in the minutes book in the place of recording resolutions by hand;

(*b*) whether a copy of the representation will be placed on the table;

(*c*) what orders have been passed in the matter;

(*d*) whether this order was modified or revised subsequently;

(*e*) if so, whether a copy of the revised order will be placed on the table; and

(*f*) what the reasons are for revising the order?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government see no need to place a copy of the representation on the table.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 3402, L. & M., dated 23rd August 1933, already placed on the table with reference to question No. 508 answered on 29th January 1934.

(*d*) No; but in order to remove certain misconceptions, Government thought it necessary to explain, in G.O. No. 4920, L. & M., dated 28th November 1933, the circumstances in which the earlier Government Order was issued. A copy of this Government Order was also placed on the table with reference to question No. 508, answered on 29th January 1934.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

Taluk boards with a deficit budget during the year 1933–34.

* 656 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many taluk boards were not able to balance their budget for 1933–34; and

(*b*) what the names are of such taluk boards and what the closing balances under General as well as Education Funds of each?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Statements [a] are laid on the table. In regard to Elementary Education Fund information has been furnished only in respect of those taluk boards the budgets of which have been received so far.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Did the Government appoint a special officer to go into the question of finances of taluk boards before they ordered the constitution of taluk boards for each taluk? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" What did the Government do, Sir? Before the Act was given effect to, did the Government in any way satisfy themselves that the newly constituted boards would be self-supporting or not? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As far as I am aware, no special officer was appointed in connexion with this matter."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Did the Government satisfy themselves in any other way that the newly constituted boards would be self-supporting? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government have merely carried out the provisions of the Bill passed by this House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 110—112 infra.